Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 *Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Today's readings are:

Ephesians 5:9-19 and Saint Luke 10:10-17

Weekly calendar:

Today				church school and coffee hour
Nov.	26	Mon	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Nov.	27	Tue	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Nov.	28	Wed	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Nov.	29	Thu	5:00pm	OCF at Yale – Vespers in the Lovett Room of Battell Chapel
Nov.	30	Fri	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Dec.	1	Sat	4:30pm	choir rehearsal
			5:00pm	**Great Vespers – with Confessions afterward**
Dec.	2	Sun	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy-** *Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost* [Ephesians 6:10-17 and Saint Luke 18:18-27] church school and coffee hour

Remember that we need to finish the Thanksgiving leftovers and return to the Nativity Fast.

If you have not returned a pledge of support for 2019, bring your pledge any Sunday in December and place it in the offering basket.

The Ladies Auxiliary is coordinating our annual gift project for veterans at the West Haven VA Hospital. Each year we provide small gifts for hospitalized vets, especially for those who otherwise might receive no gift at the holiday season. Since we provide special gifts for special needs, monetary gifts in any amount are best. See Jean Cherniavsky, Nancy Muro or Susan Papademetris to make a donation or to offer your help.

Adopt-a-family gifts are to be brought to church by Sunday, December 9th.

The parish council is beginning preparations for the 2019 annual parish meeting, which will be on Sunday, February 3rd. Committees will be appointed at the December parish council meeting. If you would like to serve on the budget committee, the nominations committee or the by-laws committee, speak to council president Alex Oji or to Father Michael.

Please note: Father Michael's approaching retirement makes it necessary for us to prepare for some transitions and changes. One of the changes is that our parish mailing address will no longer be at Kohary Drive. **The parish mailing address is: 285 Alden Ave. New Haven, CT 06515**

THANK YOU, O LORD! -*Thanksgiving Sermon of Father Alexander Schmemann, Nov. 1983*

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank you, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, O Lord, for having revealed yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of your Kingdom.

Thank you, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving you and your Holy Church.

Thank you, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, O Lord, for the sufferings you bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the "one thing needed;" your eternal Kingdom.

Thank you, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship you.

Thank you, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank you, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank you, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are you, O Lord, and marvelous are your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen.

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"THANKS BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS" *–from the Akathist*

What sort of praise can I give you? I have never heard the song of the cherubim, a joy reserved for the spirits above. But I know the praises that nature sings to you. In winter, I have beheld how silently in the moonlight the whole earth offers you prayer, clad in its white mantle of snow, sparkling like diamonds. I have seen how the rising sun rejoices in you, and the winds sing your praise as they stir the waters. I have understood how the choirs of stars proclaim your glory as they move forever in the depths of infinite space. What is my poor worship? All nature obeys you; I do not. Yet while I live, I see your love, I long to thank you, pray to you, and call upon your name:

Glory to you, giving us light.
Glory to you, loving us with love so deep, divine and infinite.
Glory to you, blessing us with light, and with the hosts of angels and saints.
Glory to you, Father all-holy promising us a share in your kingdom.
Glory to you, eternal Son of the ever-lasting Father, working our salvation on the Cross,
Glory to you, Holy Spirit, life-giving sun of the world to come.
Glory to you for all things, holy and most merciful Trinity.
Glory to you, O God, from age to age!

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Сегодня- 26-я Неделя по Пятидесятница
[Послание к Ефесянам 5:9-19 и от Луки 10:10-17]

Субб. 5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск. 9:00чу Литургиа- 27-я Неделя по Пятидесятница
[Послание к Ефесянам 6:10-17 и от Луки 18:18-27]